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Memorandum for Holders  
USIB-SC-4.2/65  
4 March 1974

SIGINT COMMITTEE  
of the  
UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR HOLDERS OF USIB-SC-4.2/65

Subject: Proposed Review of Mission and Functions  
of the SIGINT Committee

Reference: USIB-SC-4.2/65, [ ] 28 February 1974  
(Memorandum for SIGINT Committee Principals)

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The CIA Member of the SIGINT Committee has requested that the attached memorandum from Messrs Duckett and Proctor be circulated to SIGINT Committee Principals for information. This memorandum is the initial proposal for review of the mission and functions of the SIGINT Committee to which [ ] provided comments (reference).

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Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR SIGINT COMMITTEE PRINCIPALS

SUBJECT: Proposed Review of Mission and Functions  
for the SIGINT Committee "

The attached memorandum from the Chairman on the subject  
is circulated to SIGINT Committee Principals for information.

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Executive Secretary

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NOTE TO: Mr. Proctor

SUBJECT: Comments on General Morrison's Paper

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We have reviewed [ ] comments on the paper you and Carl sent to General Graham requesting a review of the mission and functions of the SIGINT Committee.

Some of his remarks are consistent with our views as they pertain to:

- the role of the Director, NSA, as the SIGINT program manager, his relationship to the DCI and the part a SIGINT community body can play (paragraph 4);
- the probably unworkable nature of stitching SIGINT Committee functions into the NIO or IC Staff arrangements (paragraph 5 and 6).

On the other hand, his comments in paragraph 8 miss the main point in your memorandum. The request for a review of the SIGINT Committee functions was based on a concern to upgrade the work on guidance and requirements, collection, evaluations and resource trade-offs within each of the disciplines within the SIGINT field. He considers that these disciplines (e.g., COMINT, Telemetry, ELINT, etc.) are too interrelated to make useful divisions possible.

No one questions the extent of the intermingling of the actions of the SIGINT shown in his tabulation. However, the important problem is whether these topics that cut across the disciplines would be better served by improved efforts on each before the intermingling occurs.

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As presently constituted, neither the SORS nor the SIGINT Committee can make these kinds of improved judgments without first effecting a dramatic upgrading of the calibre of work performed within each of the disciplines. Indirectly, [redacted] acknowledges this in his last paragraph which proposes a SIGINT Application Subcommittee and a SIGINT Requirements and Evaluations Subcommittee.

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In addition, he is silent on the concern expressed in your memorandum for work on resources and trade-offs within each discipline. We believe that unless these resource-related judgments are initiated within each discipline, subsequent USIB or DCI arrangements for resource judgments will be limited to reviewing the SIGINT program as presented by DIRNSA, the program manager.

We can only emphasize that the review requested should address what is needed to perform the specific functions in each discipline as noted in paragraph 4 of your memorandum:

- . collection guidance;
- . intelligence value of collection operations;
- . options, mixes and trade-offs.

Finally, as requested in the same paragraph of your memorandum the review should describe the mechanism that would be needed to insure the close coordination of the work performed in the individual disciplines.

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cc: Dr. Steininger

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